

To the Honorable JOHN BREDIN, President, and THOMAS HENRY and BENJAMIN ADAMS,  
Esqs. Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting for Beaver County:

The Petition of *Joseph Howe* of the County of Beaver,  
humbly sheweth: THAT your Petitioner, *has resided within the United States the last 5 Years*

within the State of Pennsylvania, at least three years, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely renounce and abjure, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, particularly to the *King of England*, to whom he was heretofore a subject, that he hath never borne any hereditary title, nor hath been of any of the orders of nobility in the Kingdom from which he came, and is ready to declare on oath the truth of these things, and prays to be admitted a Citizen of the United States, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a *March* Court of Common Pleas, held for said County, on the *9th* day of *March*, A. D. *1837*, before the Honorable *John Bredin*, President, and *Thomas Henry* and *Benjamin Adams*, Esqs. Associate Judges of the same Court—came *Joseph Howe* and being sworn according to law, saith that what he hath set forth in the above petition is the truth, and that he doth renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to and foreign prince, potentate, or sovereignty, whatever, and particularly to the *King of England*, and that he will support the Constitution of the United States.

SWORN IN OPEN COURT.

*Joseph Howe*

**Beaver County, ss.**

At a *March* Court of Common Pleas, held at Beaver, the *7th* day of *March*, A. D. *1837*, for said County, came into Court, *Thomas Henry*, a citizen of the United States, and being sworn according to law, saith, that he hath known the above named *Joseph Howe* during the term of a five years residence, and under the jurisdiction of the said United States, as in the above Petition set forth by the said *Joseph Howe*, and that he hath behaved himself as a man of good moral character, and attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED IN OPEN COURT.

*Thos Henry*